

## **WEWAHITCHKA, FLORIDA**

**OCTOBER 2, 2006**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in special session with the following members present: Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, Vice Chairman Bill Williams, and Commissioners Billy E. Traylor and Jerry W. Barnes. <Commissioner Nathan Peters, Jr. was absent>.

Others present were: Clerk Executive Administrator Towan Kopinsky, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Planner David Richardson, and Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee.

Chairman McLemore called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m., C.T.

#### **WILLIS LANDING ROAD / ROAD BOND PAVING**

Chief Administrator Butler stated that the Board needs to give the Clerk permission to pay all outstanding invoices on Willis Landing Road, so this project can be closed out. He also stated that Change Order #4 needs to be approved today (a total deduct of \$228,895.88). Upon inquiry by Chairman McLemore and Commissioner Barnes, Chief Administrator Butler reported that the grant amount was overspent by \$186,223.00 on the Willis Landing Road project. After discussion about over-expenditure of the grant funds awarded for this project, Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve Change Order #4 and to pay any outstanding invoices for this project, with one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the overspent amount being taken from the Road Bond Paving Funds set aside for District 1 (\$93,111.50), and the other one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) being taken from the uncommitted (priority) Road Bond Paving Funds (\$93,111.50). Chairman McLemore passed the Chair to Vice Chairman Williams and seconded the motion. The motion then failed 2 to 2, with Chairman Williams and Commissioner Barnes voting no. Chairman Williams returned the Chair to Commissioner McLemore. After further discussion by members of the Engineering Firm and the Paving Contractor regarding changes to the contract (striping, etc), Chairman McLemore discussed the Howard Creek Road project, stating that G.A.C. Contractors have agreed to complete this project for the amount of grant funds that are received (will not exceed grant funds). G.A.C. Representative Rowell stated that the Howard Creek (Doc Whitfield) Road will be widened 1 foot on each side, from the bridge east of Gulf Forestry Camp to the Howard Creek end of the Road in an amount not to exceed the grant funds received, less 10% for the Engineers. Commissioner Traylor motioned to approve a contract change order with G.A.C. for the Doc Whitfield Road project, and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Upon discussion by Chief Administrator Butler, Commissioner Williams withdrew his second, and Commissioner Traylor withdrew his motion. Commissioner Barnes then motioned to approve Change Order #4 with G.A.C., and to pay any outstanding invoices for the Willis Landing Road project, with \$115,000.00 of the overspent amount being taken from the Road Bond Paving Funds set aside for District 1, and the balance being taken from the uncommitted (priority) Road Bond Paving Funds

(approximately \$71,223.00). Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed 3 to 1, with Chairman McLemore voting no.

Chief Administrator Butler then discussed proposed Change Order #5 with G.A.C. for a N.C.R.S. project in District 5 (headwalls on C.R. 30A where the road was washed through during a hurricane), in the amount of \$120,098.06. He stated that the Board will be reimbursed 75% of this amount through the N.C.R.S. program. After discussion, Commissioner Williams motioned to approve Change Order #5 and to pay the 25% match and the Engineering fees (approximately \$40,000.00) from the Road Bond Paving Funds set aside for District 5. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

Chief Administrator Butler then discussed proposed Change Order #6 for the Doc Whitfield Road (C.R. 387 - Howard Creek) project. Upon inquiry, the Engineers and Contractor agreed to complete the job within the allocated grant funds. Chief Administrator Butler also discussed a change to widen and pave the easternmost 4.3 miles of the road from the bridge near Gulf Forestry Camp to the end of the road in Howard Creek (instead of re-paving the entire road), and to make improvements to 3 culverts on the portion of the road that was previously widened and paved. Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous (4-0) vote, the Board approved Change Order #6 with G.A.C. for the Doc Whitfield Road project, in the amount of \$883,000.00 less the Engineering fees.

#### **RESOLUTION - BEACH RESTORATION GRANT APPLICATION**

Chief Administrator Butler presented and read by title a proposed resolution approving a grant application for the Beach Restoration project. Upon motion by Commissioner Barnes, second by Commissioner Williams, and unanimous (4-0) vote, the Board adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-39**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, GULF COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TO PROCEED WITH THIS SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR STATE FUNDS UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 161.091, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BEACH AND COASTAL ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT, FOR THE FLORIDA BEACH EROSION CONTROL PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008, FOR THE ST. JOSEPH PENINSULA EROSION CONTROL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION, PRE- AND POST- CONSTRUCTION, PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEACH MANAGEMENT APPLICATION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of Commissioners believes that St. Joseph Peninsula beach is in need of a shore protection project; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Joseph Peninsula is recognized by the Department of Environmental Protection as having a critically eroding shoreline(s); and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners supports a shore protection project and is willing to serve as the local sponsor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners is aware that there is a local funding share to implement a shore protection project for projects authorized by Section 161.101, Florida Statutes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, that the Board hereby supports the St. Joseph Peninsula Erosion Control Project, and is willing to serve as local sponsor. The Board is prepared to provide the necessary local funding to implement the shore protection project. The Board also supports the Department's beach and coastal management program.

**THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED** by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2006.

(End)

### **ROAD BOND PAVING**

Upon inquiry, Wewahitchka City Manager Don Minchew presented the City's priority list for their portion of the Road Bond Funds (\$970,000.00). After discussion regarding the cost of new construction vs. re-paving and the costs of clay and diesel for County in-kind work, Commissioner Traylor motioned to accept the priority list for the City of Wewahitchka to be submitted to Preble-Rish, Inc. for engineering. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Barnes discussed that he and Mr. Hammond will be meeting with representatives from the City of Port St. Joe on Thursday (October 5<sup>th</sup>).

After discussion that the Board has previously agreed for each Commissioner to present his list of roads to the engineers for the bond funds set aside for each district, Chairman McLemore stated that the Board needs to address their priority list for the uncommitted (priority) road bond funds. After discussion by Mr. Hammond regarding potential priorities (Americus Avenue Ditch, Twine Road (connects U.S. Highway 98 to Niles Road), the bridge on South Long Street (in Overstreet), C.R. 381A Project, C.R. 30 Project Grant Match, Florida Forever Grant Match, and Honeyville Storm Shelter Road), Commissioner Williams discussed the need for criteria to be used to set the priorities. <Commissioner Traylor left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.> Warren Yeager, of Preble-Rish, Inc., stated that they can develop a system to be used for prioritizing. <Commissioner Traylor returned at 3:50 p.m.> Commissioner Williams then motioned for the Engineers to develop criteria for which the Board can use to determine the ranking of the priorities on the list. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

After discussion by members of the Board about matching funds for future road paving grants and arbitrage issues if the bond funds are not obligated within 2 years, Commissioner Traylor motioned to set aside \$250,000.00 of the road bond paving funds to be used as grant matching funds for 2 years. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner Barnes, the meeting did then adjourn at 3:55 p.m., E.T.

**CARMEN L. MCLEMORE**  
**CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

**REBECCA L. NORRIS**  
**CLERK**